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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION

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1. WE MADE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO REFTEL DEMARCHE WITH
JACQUES ANDREANI, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE.

2. ANDREANI REPEATED THE SAME REASON FOR GOF INABILITY
TO HELP--BUDGET. ANDREANI SAID THAT WHEN HE BECAME
FAMILIAR WITH THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY DOSSIER HE FOUND
OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME HOW EXPENSIVE PILOT TRAINING IS.
THE POINT WAS THAT EVEN BY INCREASING PILOT TRAINING
SLOTS BY ONLY A FEW, THE GOF IS STRETCHING ITS ALREADY
LIMITED BUDGET.

3. WHAT WAS SIGNIFICANT IN ANDREANI'S TREATMENT OF
THE SUBJECT WAS A REFLECTION OF A POLICY-LEVEL CHANGE
IN ATTITUDE. UNTIL RECENTLY, PORTUGAL WAS CONSIDERED
BY THE GOF TO HAVE THE INTERNAL STABILITY CHARACTERIS-
TICS OF AN LDC. WHY INVEST RESOURCES IN A COUNTRY THAT
IS LIKELY TO CHANGE REGIMES FREQUENTLY, THE FOREIGN
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MINISTER USED TO REPLY TO QUERIES ABOUT PORTUGAL.
ANDREANI IS AT THE POLICY-MAKING LEVEL. IT IS A STEP
FORWARD FOR HIM TO TALK ABOUT PORTUGAL IN SERIOUS TERMS.
IF THIS ATTITUDE PENETRATES, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR
PORTUGAL MIGHT APPEAR IN FUTURE BUDGETS.
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